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Dear Sir:

**Subject: Commission Exhibit No. III, of the  
President's Commission on the Assassination  
of President John F. Kennedy**

In a letter dated 16 June 1968 from the Director NSA to Mr. Rankin, General Counsel, the Director stated regarding CE-III, "It is considered most unlikely that this process of letter removal has any cryptographic implication". It seems to me that Exhibit III is an example of a geometrical technique known as the ~~Running~~ Grille Cipher.

The Grille cipher is a rather elementary technique and I fail to understand how it was that the cryptologist at NSA or their supervisors could not have been aware of this. Would you please inform me as to whether or not the Agency still maintains this position?

Sincerely,  
*Emory L. Brown Jr.*

Enclosures (3)